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DECISION IS STILL PENDING ON LAVRION POWER PROJECT

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1. I CALLED ON COORDINATION MINISTER MITSOTAKIS TODAY, JULY 27,
ACCOMPANIED BY ECON OFFICER, TO DETERMINE IF THE LAVRION POWER
PROJECT MIGHT STILL BE OPEN FOR A U.S. BID (SEE REFTEL). I
NOTED THAT WHILE PRESS REPORTS HAD INDICATED GOG HAD DECIDED
TO PURCHASE A 300-MEGAWATT OIL-FIRED UNIT FROM THE USSR, A
GROUP OF US COMPANIES WAS PREPARED TO OFFER A BETTER QUALITY
PLANT, AT A COMPETITIVE PRICE, WITHIN THE TIME FRAME REQUIRED
BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

2. MITSOTAKIS SAID THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS THE GOG HAD
NOT RPT NOT AWARDED THE PROJECT TO SOVIETS. INDEED, A DECISION IS
STILL PENDING ON WHETHER TO BUILD ANOTHER OIL-FUELED POWER
PLANT AT LAVRION. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY FAVORS THE LAVRION
PROJECT BUT PPC PREFERS TO CONTINUE WITH ITS LIGNITE DEVELOP-
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MENT PLANS AT MEGALOPOLIS. MITSOTAKIS SAID GREECE WOULD MOVE
AHEAD ON THE LAVRION PROJECT ONLY IF GOG DECIDES TO POSTPONE
THE MEGALOPOLIS PROJECT FOR SOME TIME. THIS DECISION WILL BE
MADE BY AUGUST 10 AT THE LATEST. IF GOG DECIDES TO GO AHEAD
WITH LAVRION PROJECT, MITSOTAKIS SAID US AND OTHER FIRMS
WOULD BE WELCOME TO BID.

3. MITSOTAKIS SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS CONVINCED THAT AMERICAN AND OTHER WESTERN FIRMS CAN OFFER A BETTER POWER PLANT THAN THE USSR. AT THE SAME TIME, GREECE WISHES TO FOLLOW AN OPEN ECONOMIC POLICY TO PERMIT THE USSR AND OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES AT LEAST TO DISCUSS SUCH PROJECTS. MITSOTAKIS STRESSED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USSR ON THE LAVRION PROJECT HAD BEEN SIMPLY SOUNDINGS AND THAT NO COMMITMENTS WERE MADE.

4. COMMENT: MITSOTAKIS' COMMENTS ON THE LAVRION PROJECT CONTRADICT BOTH THE PRESS STATEMENTS ISSUED EARLIER THIS MONTH IN HIS OWN NAME AND THE INFORMATION WE GOT FROM PPC DIRECTOR ANGELOPOULOS REPORTED IN REFTEL. MITSOTAKIS' EARLIER PRESS STATEMENTS APPARENTLY TRIGGERED A REACTION IN THE PPC AND OTHER MINISTRIES RESULTING IN THE CURRENT REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. WHATEVER THE CAUSE OF THE CONFUSION, WE ARE PLEASED THAT AMERICAN FIRMS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO BID SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE LAVRION PROJECT.
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